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Early week prices were mostly unchanged on all sizes except in New York, where prices were lower on all sizes. For the remainder of the week prices continued to be lower on all sizes in all locations. The trade sentiment was weak. Distributive and retail demand was light to occasionally moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher. Offerings were adequate to tight with demand mostly good. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. Schedules full-time. The market tone was mostly steady. Spent hen removal costs were 0 to 9, mostly 0 to 5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were lower for large and medium and unchanged for small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week's deliveries trending sharply lower. Trade sentiment was weak. Cartoned and loose egg sales were light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock prices were higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were tight to just adequate for the mostly good demand. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88-97	91-94
LARGE	87-96	89-92
MEDIUM	79-88	81-84
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, western NY. and western PA		

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, but the undertone was weak and unsettled. Demand was only fair and not up to expectations. Current supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to sufficient for usually normal processing schedules. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for a mostly moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	98-112	98-101
LARGE	92-106	97-101
MEDIUM	83-96	87-90
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT		

COMBINED REGIONAL

May 04, 2007

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	99.50	99.00	88.50
SOUTHEAST	101.50	99.50	89.00
MIDWEST	92.50	90.50	82.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	101.50	99.50	89.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	98.83	97.18	87.44

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	05-08-07	05-01-07	05-09-06
Large	69-78	69-78	14-23
Medium	61-67	61-67	11-17

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-MAY 07, 2007

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So			
	Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.3	21.2	7.6	10.3	12.3	62.7
	Change	2.0	3.5	0.0	1.1	1.5	15%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.8	46.9	13.7	26.6	43.8	157.8
	Change	2.4	9.4	1.2	4.8	8.8	20%
Large	Curr Wk	36.4	115.2	79.8	111.2	118.7	461.3
	Change	5.0	17.0	1.2	15.0	9.6	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.1	44.7	17.7	15.9	28.8	119.2
	Change	3.1	8.0	3.3	0.8	1.5	16%
Small	Curr Wk	5.3	8.6	2.2	4.3	4.0	24.4
	Change	2.7	0.9	0.2	0.4	-1.4	13%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.4	14.9	10.3	10.8	6.3	44.7
	Change	-0.1	-4.8	-0.8	0.3	-0.1	-11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.5	38.2	17.6	25.9	31.9	129.1
	Change	2.0	1.1	4.3	1.0	3.1	10%
Total	Curr Wk	109.8	289.7	148.9	205.0	245.8	999.2
Percent	Change	18%	14%	7%	13%	10%	12%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	999.2	12%	156
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	204.7	0%	33

Total Shell Egg 1203.9 10% 189

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 156 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast - CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific - AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 05-MAY-2007

(Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)						
Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Inedible	
Broken	Whole	White	Yolk			
CW	1,226,797	31,085	11,081	6,146	2,087	4,344
PW	1,204,213	30,394	11,336	5,811	2,031	4,182
LY	1,347,068	33,063	12,787	6,900	3,263	4,383
% Chg PWK	2%	2%	-2%	6%	3%	4%
% Chg LY	-9%	-6%	-13%	-11%	-36%	-1%
2007	22,046,199	548,142	205,236	110,047	42,665	77,143
2006	22,945,531	568,170	214,066	115,726	52,130	78,077
% Chg YTD	-4%	-4%	-4%	-5%	-18%	-1%

Average Yield Per Case	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.92	42.95	42.41
(Inedible Excluded)	39.38	39.48	39.16

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;
may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	596,766	48.6%	16,966	54.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	594,353	49.4%	16,562	54.5%
LAST YEAR	608,387	45.2%	16,757	50.7%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set In		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	APR 28	MAY 05	APR 28	MAY 05
Thousand				
AL	31,504	31,116	*20,656	20,530
AR	*28,547	29,200	*23,898	23,518
DE	*4,108	4,160	*5,467	4,807
FL	1,384	1,380	1,555	1,450
GA	*36,488	35,751	*30,065	30,116
KY	*7,787	7,772	*5,851	6,025
LA	3,924	3,955	3,901	3,892
MD	8,932	8,776	*6,047	5,851
MS	18,856	18,826	*17,559	17,429
NC	19,856	19,506	16,434	16,370
OK	6,583	6,633	*5,007	5,623
PA	*3,920	4,012	*3,153	3,199
SC	5,659	5,473	*5,415	4,671
TX	*15,122	14,971	*12,675	12,606
VA	6,478	6,480	5,225	6,157
CA,MO,TN,WV	*19,831	20,432	*17,735	18,346
19 STATE TOTAL	*218,979	218,443	*180,643	180,590
PREV YR TOTAL	210,570	211,844	177,833	176,955
% OF PREV YR	104	103	102	102

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 16-Jun-07 is estimated at 166.3 million head. This compares to 165.0 million head the previous week and to 166.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 64.26 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/03/07-05-09-07

CURRENT LDS 102.00 FUTURE LDS 34.25 TOTAL LDS 136.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	72.25	--	74.50	75.57	70.00	63.00	11.00
GL W J	--	--	88.50	90.00	76.19	--	5.00
GL W XL	91.00	91.30	81.42	81.30	77.84	--	57.25
GL W LG	91.00	93.00	76.50	70.70	73.18	62.00	28.25
GL W MD	58.00	61.00	68.77	68.74	60.63	64.25	23.00
GL W SM	51.00	54.00	48.22	50.11	47.00	--	8.75
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	65.60	58.88	60.36	39.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	56.67	6.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 05-MAY-07

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		LY
Atlanta	26.6	27.0	-1
Boston	2.9	3.0	-3
Chicago	50.4	51.5	-2
Detroit	10.1	9.3	9
Los Angeles	95.3	100.4	-5
New Orleans	5.4	5.6	-4
New York	25.3	26.8	-6
St. Louis	12.4	15.3	-19
San Francisco	16.0	16.5	-3
Total	244.4	255.4	-4
4 Week Moving Avg.	268.6		-20

Kansas City has been removed from this report.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 05-MAY-07

	YOUNG		YOUNG		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	OLD	
Head	1,734	2,667	17	12	4,430
Avg Wt	16.35	38.15	26.12	33.76	29.56
Last week	1,951	2,594	12	3	4,560
Same wk yr ago	2,114	2,315	15	6	4,450
Avg Wt	16.35	38.15	26.12	33.76	29.56
To-date/2007	33,371	45,355	254	85	79,065
To-date/2006	33,152	44,182	435	105	77,874

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 05-MAY-07

	(Preliminary)		Old		Total Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Banded	Head-	
---Young turkeys---	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand	Avg Live wt
North East	762	-1	24.16	(A)	765
South Atlantic	722	-1	32.97	(A)	725
North Central	2,106	3	33.47	(A)	2,108
South Central	557	-19	19.57	(A)	559
West	271	-17	25.60	(A)	273
U.S. total	4,418(B)	-3	29.56	12	4,430
To-date					
2007	78,980(B)			85	79,065
To-date					
2006	77,769(B)			105	77,874

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 17,000; for the current year to date 254,000; for last year to date 435,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	
W/E 05-May-2007	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	165,839	1,232	1,324	2,556	501
Avg Wt	5.44	3.33	8.17	5.84	6.71
Last week	161,364	1,156	1,432	2,588	532
Same wk yr ago	154,172	1,121	1,530	2,651	503
Avg Wt	5.39	3.23	8.02	5.99	6.09
To-date/2007	2,833,308	20,199	24,327	44,526	9,391
To-date/2006	2,890,341	21,405	25,908	47,313	9,220

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.9 million head, or 3.3 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 12-May-07

	Current Week	Previous Week
	05/12/07 (1)	05/05/07
Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	167,816 (2)	164,960
Light hens	1,137	1,340
Heavy hens	1,575	1,327
Total	170,528	167,627

ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-May-07 is 165.3 million head compared to 166.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.2 million head or 2.9 million more than estimated available. For the week of 19-May-07 the estimated available is 165.8 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

	MILLION HEAD				
WEEK ENDING	SLTRD	AVAIL	PCT	AVG WT	
March	31 160.9	161.1	100%	5.38	
April	7 155.9	162.0	96%	5.43	
	14 161.3	162.8	99%	5.39	
	21 161.5	163.9	99%	5.50	
	28 163.3	164.3	99%	5.50	
May	5 167.9	164.6	102%	5.44	
Year to date	2867.7	2898.9	99%		
May	12	165.3			
	19	165.8			

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for truck-lot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of: 07-May-2007 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	74.00-77.00	75.94	36	76.78
Los Angeles	86.00	85.62	62	82.18
New York	75.00-78.00	77.32	22	78.48

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
07-MAY-2007	30-APR-2007	30-APR-2007	08-MAY-2006
79.25	.90	78.35	58.09
NUMBER OF LOADS	555		

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT	OFFERS	SALES	WTD	LBS
SHIPMENTS 2/			AVG	(000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-78	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-78	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-78	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-78	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25° F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

(Incl. Gov't stocks) Selected Storage Centers (In Thousands)

		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	05/07/07	3,345	76,505	52,666
AM	04/01/07	3,240	69,750	47,359
CHG		105	6755	5307
PCT CHG		3%	10%	11%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of March 31, 2007 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on May 1, 2007 are:

Frozen Eggs	15	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	390	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	659	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-MAY-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	6.75-12 CENTS/LB.		9.23
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	6.25-12 CENTS/LB.		9.12

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

LIGHT TYPE - REMOVAL COSTS

Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days, (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 04-MAY-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	4-12	6-8
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-9	0-5

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 05-May-2007	Cases	% Change From
REGIONS	(In thousands)	LW LY
North Atlantic	176.2	3 -2
East North Central	620.7	0 8
West North Central	264.1	-8 -8
South Atlantic	174.6	-4 -6
South Central	50.5	-2 -3
West	164.4	-6 -7
Total	1450.5	-3 -1
Matched plants reporting		81 81

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)

East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)

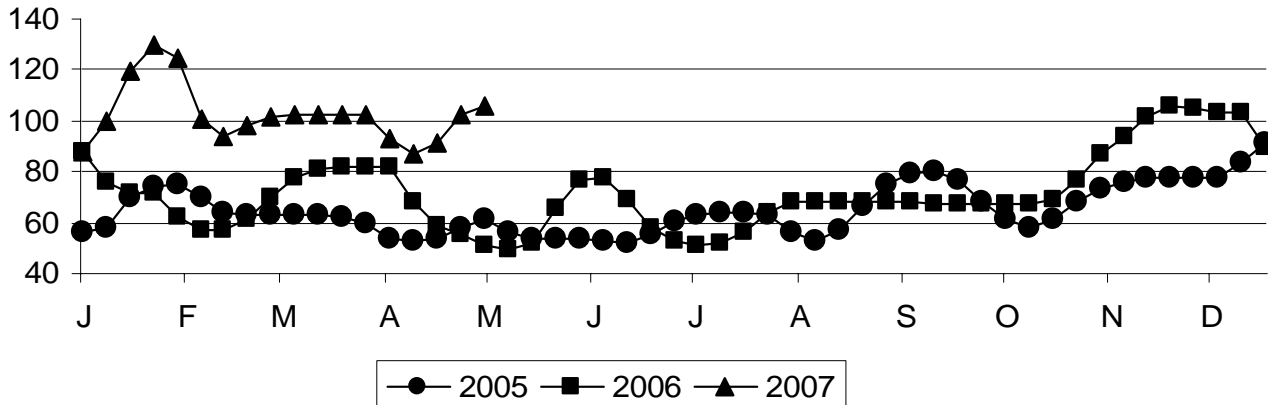
West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)

South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY)

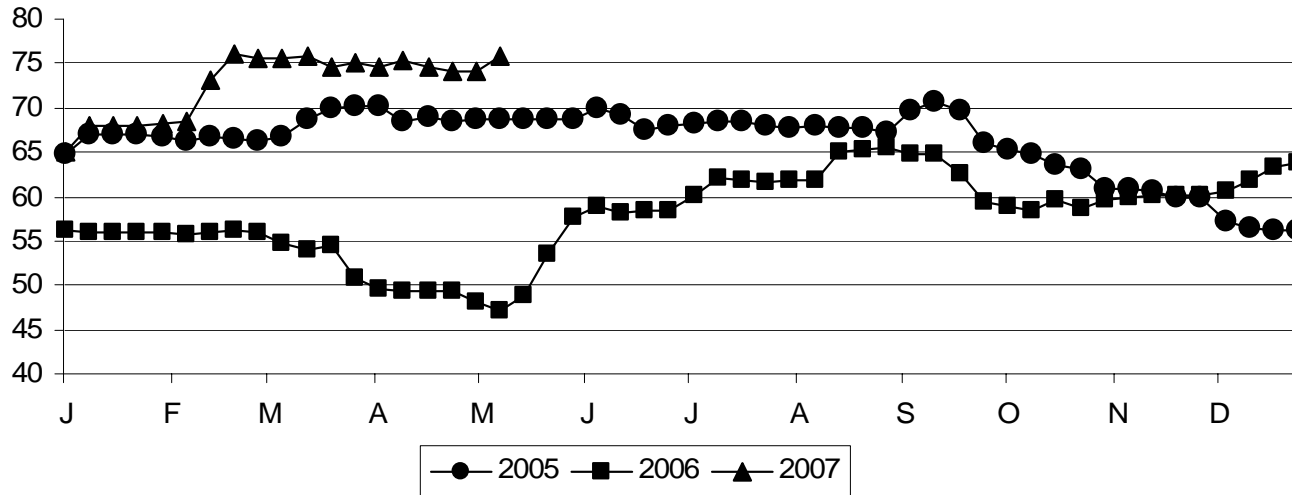
South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK)

West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

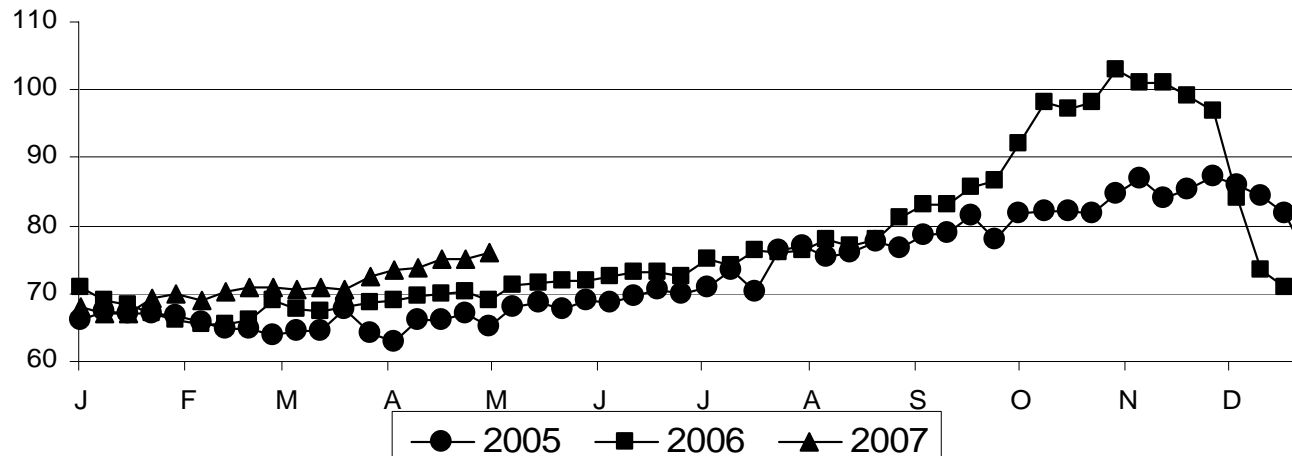
New York Large Weekly Average Price
cents per dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices
cents per pound



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey
cents per pound



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